

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
September 27, 2007
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In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Leslie Budewitz, Sue Hanson, John Bourquin, Don Loranger, Alex Strickland, Katrin Frye, Bruce Solberg, Shelley Gonzales, Darrel Coverdell, Gary Ridderhoff, Doug Averill, Chuck Gough

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elna Darrow at 12:01

Agenda: There was no agenda as this was to be a meeting with BJ Grieve on the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan

Minutes: Waived until next meeting

Treasurer's Report: None

Resort Tax Committee: None

Lake County Planning: No report

Vision Committee: No report

Nominating Committee: No Report

Chairman's Report: Elna had 2 announcements: There is a Weatherization Event being put on by NorthWestern Energy Today at 3:00 to 7:00 at the Bigfork Fire Station and also On Friday September 28, 2007 at 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at NorthWestern Energy 890 North Meridian Rd and again on Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM NorthWestern Energy 890 North Meridian Rd in Kalispell.

The Second announcement notified us of a 2 day conference being held on October 17-18 2007 at the Kwa-Taq-Nuk Resort in Polson. The Title: Lessons of the Lakes: Promoting Water Quality Amidst Community Growth. It is being sponsored by The Flathead Basin Commission, Flathead Lakers and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Anyone wishing a full schedule and registration is welcome to call me at 837-1037 or Elna Darrow at 837-4400 or by email pwagner121@montanasky.net and crossbow@cyberport.net.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Shelley Gonzales as she is the chairperson for the Neighborhood Plan. Shelley started by having BJ explain his meaning of shall and should versus the legal meaning of the terms. There was a difference in the 2 meanings and he said we should clarify that. He also suggested that the subcommittees be re-formed to deal with each section and policy. We then determined that we do not have to go over each line and policy of the Neighborhood Plan, just those parts referred to by BJ in his report. (Emailed last week). Shelley then suggested a cover letter accompany the completed plan that exists now. This cover letter would explain our reasoning behind some of our statements, or change what we really need to change. She also asked that the BLUAC and BSC meet jointly to solve these problems instead of separate meetings, as it cuts the amount of her typing down. BSC and BLUAC agreed to the latter and felt the cover letter may be the answer but it probably would not be looked at much before Christmas. Several people then asked about a few of his points and explained the meanings behind these points and BJ was willing to concede some points could be explained and might be considered. One of BJ's major points was the fact that we do not have a projected 5, 10 15 year growth plan. That seems to be a hard subject for all of us

to comprehend. One cannot do that without taking into consideration the economy growth factor which is basically unknown and a large amount of guess work. There were a few more points raised and not completely answered. In the essence of time, BJ had to leave by 1:15, it was decided the Neighborhood Plan discussion would continue at our next meeting which is October 4, 2007 at 12:00 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38
Pat Wagner, Secretary